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ELKINS, WEST VIRGINIA — A 51 year old Elkins, West Virginia, resident was sentenced on August 22, 2006, in United States District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia in Clarksburg by Judge Robert E. Maxwell.

Acting United States Attorney Rita R. Valdrini announced that JOHNNY RAY FANCHER was sentenced to 480 months imprisonment to be followed by five years of supervised pursuant to an earlier entered plea of guilty. FANCHER entered a plea of guilty on November 4, 2005, to one count of an Indictment charging him with knowingly receiving child pornography on June 17, 2004, in Elkins, which had been shipped and transported in interstate commerce. FANCHER was remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Sherry L. Muncy and David J. Perri. The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the West Virginia State Police.